Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government think that they will get a sufficient number of students if the school is shifted to that locality ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Requests have come to the Department for raising Free Primary Schools to the Lower Secondary grade. The opinion of the head of the training institution was taken and, independent of this report, Government was maturing a scheme of starting of a Training College. This is independent of the way in which it is to be disposed off.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether they will get boys and girls for a school if it is started there, in those "wilds of Anappara" as some would put it ; what is the average number of pupil-teachers now getting training in the Government training institution at Trichur ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is approximately between 150 and 200. That is only the elementary teachers not the graduate teachers. We have no provision for that.

Covering letter of the Chairman of the College Extension Committee.

69. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. whether the covering letter of the Chairman of the College Extension Committee referred to in their proceedings, dated 17th June 1931, is called for by the Government or sent by the Chairman of his own accord ;

2. whether that letter was shown to the Chief Engineer and his explanation taken before passing final orders on the report;

3. will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the covering letter on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. It was sent with the report.

2. No. There was no reason for calling for the Chief Engineer's explanation.

3. Diwan's Proceedings C. No. 758/06, dated 17th June 1931 gives the contents of the letter. A copy is however placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In Appendix I it is stated: " The dissenting note condemns the Committee's proposals in respect of the accommodation it has recommended on the ground that they do not satisfy the teaching requirements as approved by the Professors'. Will the Government be pleased to tell me when was that scheme approved by the Professors; was it ever approved at all and if so, when ; whether the scheme proposed was put before the College Professors and whether it was approved; whether that statement of the Chief Engineer is correct?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The proposals made at Ramavarmapuram were made on the recommendations and the approval of the College Council. It was on that basis that we prepared the plans at Ramavarmapuram.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when it was approved, in which year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—These plans were sent to them more than once. First of all it was considered at a meeting of the College Council on 13th Karkadagam 1105. It came back with certain modifications. Then I sent it back adopting those modifications.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The last sentence of the para, 'The proposals made by the committee on the other hand are based on the requisition now made by the Professors or approved by them as adequate'; when was that requisition made by the Professors and when was that approved ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The requisition was made as a result of the reference made to the Professors after this committee was constituted.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How far is the library building from the other buildings in the college scheme at Ramavarmapuram?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—150 feet from the central block. A sentence in this note tells to show that I had not taken the committee into my confidence. I just want to say a word. All the points of the dissenting note were placed before the committee for their consideration and therefore I cannot see how they thought it fit to include that sentence in the note. I am very sorry if I have given that impression to the Chairman. Since it has been made public I must clear my position.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In Appendix I it is said 'the Professors were tempted to make'. What were those demands which they were tempted to make ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In answer to question No. 75 a list has been given. The Hon'ble Member would see some of the requests of the Professors. It runs to the whole range of the requirements of an educational colony beginning with residence and ending with the police station.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was there any one in the committee who had any technical knowledge regarding Engineering except the Chief Engineer ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—In which committee ?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—The College Extension Committee.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far as your humble servant is

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concerned he is ignorant of the subject. I would not commit the other Members to that ignorance.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whether there was any one in the committee, competent to make any criticisms on the recommendations of the Chief Engineer, with the necessary technical qualifications?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—No, Sir.

70. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the covering letter of the Director of Public Instruction as Chairman of the College Committee to which reference was made by the Diwan in his Proceedings Order C. No. 758/06, dated 17th June 1931?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—Vide answer to Question No. 69.

College Extension Scheme.

71. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have placed the proposed scheme for College extension before the University authorities and obtained their approval;

(2) whether the University authorities have not approved of the Ramavarmapuram College Scheme?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) The College Extension Scheme has not yet been placed before the University as it has not yet been sanctioned by Government.

(2) Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Waariar.—If the Ernakulam College Extention Scheme has not been sanctioned by the Government why was the amount budgetted for next year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—This scheme cannot be sanctioned until it has got the approval of this House. And since this is a budget that is being discussed we have to provide provisionally a certain amount and if the allotment is graciously passed by the Council and the scheme approved it would be taken up.

Ramavarmapuram.

72. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the name of Ramavarmapuram given to Anappara is not after the name of the present Maharaja?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Buildings at Ramavarmapuram.

73. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many rooms are there in the four dormitory buildings constructed at Ramavarmapuram;

for how many students are they intended;

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 69.)

Letter R. O. C. No. 3947/1106, dated 1st May 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction.

"I have the honour to forward herewith the Report of the Special Committee together with a supplementary note by Mr. Thomas Manjuran and a dissenting note by the Chief Engineer. The Committee met 5 times and discussed the question referred to it at great length, and every opportunity was afforded to Members to place their views before the Committee b efore drafting the proposals set forth below. The Members also inspected the Ramavarmapuram site and the lands proposed to be acquired in Ernakulam for carrying out the extensions suggested in this report.

Mr. Manjuran's supplementary note is only an emphatic re-statement of what he considers to have been not sufficiently strongly expressed in the Report. As such it is in effect only an appendix to the report.

The dissenting note of the Chief Engineer is quite a different kind of document. It is really an alternative report condemning the Committee's Report in sum and in detail, and as such I am constrained, in my capacity as Chairman of the Committee, to make a few remarks.

The dissenting note condemns the Committee's proposals in respect of the accommodation it has recommended on the ground that they do not satisfy the teaching requirements as approved by the Professors. This, I submit, is not true. The requirements referred by the Chief Engineer are the extravagant demands which the Professors were tempted to make in drawing up the proposals in connection with the Ramavarmapuram Scheme. The proposals made by the Committee, on the other hand, are based on the requisition now made by the Professors or approved by them as adequate (vide para 3 of the report).

The Chief Engineer deprecates the idea of housing the Library and Reading Room in the College building on the ground that a separate library building will contribute to "greater clarity and thoroughness in their (students') minds". I confess that to my mind the reasoning is unintelligible. On the other hand, it is great advantage for the students to have the library at hand. By a similar process of reasoning he seems to arrive at the conclusion that without much more space than is provided for by the Committee's proposals the 'growth' of knowledge and even its 'dissemination' will be impossible.

The Chief Engineer refers to the impossibility of constructing hostels on the site proposed without overcrowding. When the plan which accompanies his dissenting note was placed before the Committee at its last meeting it was pointed out to him how, by a different disposition of the buildings both overcrowding and "Barrack-like" appearance could be avoided. This fact finds no place in his note.

The Committee has, in my opinion, made ample provision for playgrounds. No College, that I know of in India has a separate field for Cricket, Hockey and Football. The same play-grounds are utilised for the several games.

It is unnecessary that I should here take up seriatim the several deficiencies which the Chief Engineer has now discovered in the proposals of the Committee whose deliberations he had every chance to guide and whose proposals were in most cases endorsed by him at its meetings. It is, of course, now evident that he did not take the Committee into his confidence and preferred to express his views to Government in a dissenting note rather than press them on the consideration of the Committee at the several meetings. The dissenting note, therefore, contains no constructive proposal which can help Government to arrive at a decision, but comprises merely a series of attacks levelled against every recommendation of the Committee which I can only characterise as an *apologia pro* Ramavarmapuram.

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